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H. R. 6280

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of screening tests for human papillomavirus (HPV).

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2006

Ms. DELAURO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF SCREENING TESTS**
4 **FOR HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV).**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861 of the Social Secu-
6 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (s)(14), by inserting “, screen-
8 ing HPV test,” after “screening pap smear”; and

1 (2) in subsection (nn)—

2 (A) in the heading, by inserting “SCREEN-
3 ING HPV TEST;” after “SCREENING PAP
4 SMEAR;” ; and

5 (B) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(4) The term ‘screening HPV test’ means a molec-
8 ular laboratory test approved by the Food and Drug Ad-
9 ministration for detecting the presence of the types of
10 human papillomavirus (HPV) that have been associated
11 (as determined by the Secretary in consultation with rep-
12 resentatives of gynecologists) with a higher risk of cervical
13 cancer, if conducted in combination with a screening pap
14 smear and if the woman involved has not had such a test
15 during the preceding 2 years, or during the preceding year
16 in the case of a woman described in paragraph (3).”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

18 (1) INCLUSION IN REFERRALS AS PART OF INI-
19 TIAL PREVENTIVE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.—Sec-
20 tion 1861(w)(2)(C) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
21 1396x(w)(2)(C)) is amended by inserting “, screen-
22 ing HPV test,” after “screening pap smear”.

23 (2) WAIVER OF DEDUCTIBLE.—Section
24 1833(b)(6) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(b)(6)) is

1 amended by inserting “, screening HPV test,” after
2 “screening pap smear”.

3 (3) APPLICATION OF PAP SMEAR PAYMENT
4 RULE.—Section 1833(h)(7) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1305l(h)(7)) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following: “Such minimum payment amount shall
7 also apply to payment for screening HPV tests”.

8 (4) APPLICATION OF PAP SMEAR FREQUENCY
9 LIMITS.—Section 1862(a)(1)(F) of such Act (42
10 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(1)(F)) is amended by inserting “,
11 screening HPV test,” after “screening pap smear”.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
14 January 1, 2007.

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